



Iowa Department of Human Services

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Date Complaint Received:	August 8 th , 2013
Complaint Received By:	Rick Nilles and on September 5 th , 2013 by Angie Huntington
Provider Name and Location:	Carol Ealy, 402 Newcastle Rd., Marshalltown, IA 50158

Complaint: On August 8th, 2013 it was alleged that Ms. Ealy was using methamphetamine, ice, in the presence of children. Ms. Ealy denied the allegations and stated on August 9th that she would test at any time. After further discussions, it was determined that Ms. Ealy should be tested for drug use. She agreed to test on August 28th. Ms. Ealy did not follow through with testing.

This concern came to the attention of the child care registration worker on September 5th. Because of the seriousness of the concerns reported it was determined that Ms. Ealy needed to comply with the testing as asked in August. After seeking authorization to test again, Ms. Ealy was sent a certified letter on September 17th, 2013 notifying her that if she did not follow through with testing by September 24th, she would be cancelled. This worker received a phone call from Ms. Ealy on September 23rd. She stated that she had been on vacation and would be in Kansas City all week and could test the following Friday. This worker told Ms. Ealy that the Department had concerns regarding her lack of follow through with the testing. Ms. Ealy was notified by me and by Mr. Rick Nilles that she would need to test through the CIJDC and no other Doctor. Additionally the testing would need to be a hair test and not a urine test due to the time that had passed.

Rule Basis: Iowa Code Chapter 237A 110.5(1) conditions of the home are safe, sanitary and free of hazards. 441 IAC 110.5(9) The provider shall give careful supervision at all times.

Findings: Ms. Ealy had avoided testing in August and was attempting to negotiate the terms of the testing after being sent the letter in September. This broadened the Departments concerns that Ms. Ealy was not being honest. Further, the Department was concerned that Ms. Ealy was not being truthful about being on vacation the week of September 23rd as she reported. Ms. Christine Cameron went to the Ealy home on September 24th, Ms. Ealy was at the home. She was again instructed that she needed to have drug testing completed by the CIJDC and that it needed to be done at either the Eldora location on the 24th of September or in Marshalltown on the 25th. Testing was set up on the 24th at the detention center for a hair drug test. Ms. Ealy did not show up for testing a second time.

Resolution: After receiving confirmation on September 30th that Ms. Ealy did not show up for testing, Ms. Ealy's child development home registration was revoked and her child care assistance provider agreement with the Department was cancelled. Ms. Ealy has had other complaints at as been non-compliant with previous spot checks at her home. Spot checks were

done at the Ealy home on January 7th, 2011, April 26th, 2013, and March 26th, 2013. Ms. Ealy was out of compliance at each visit. It is concerning to the Department that a person with a role of caring for and ensuring the health and safety of small children, is not candid with the Department, and repeatedly does not comply with unannounced compliance checks.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at 319-292-2419 or email address ahuntin@dhs.state.ia.us

Sincerely,

Angela Huntington
Social Worker